

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1311
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REQUIREMENT OF NITROGEN PHOSPHOROUS AND POTASSIUM
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium for cultivable land in the country and the extent of imports being made every year to meet the requirement; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to motivate the farmers to use more and more compost fertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Requirement of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium in nutrient terms is estimated to be 126.61, 53.64 and 20.23 lakh tonnes respectively for the year 2000-01. A statement indicating import of fertilizers during last four years is at Annexure.

(b) The Government of India has been emphasizing upon the States/UTs to promote the concept of integrated nutrient management system among farmers which envisages the use of organic sources of plant nutrients such as compost, farm yard manure and bio-fertilizers etc. in conjunction with chemical fertilizers. The Government is encouraging production of compost and bio-fertilizers by providing financial incentives for setting up of compost plants for processing city bio-degradable waste into compost and for setting up of bio-fertilizer production units.

Annexure

IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS' (Qty in lakh metric tonne) FOR THE YEAR 1996-97 TO 1999-2000

YEAR UREA DAP MOP

1996-97	23.28	5.34	10.21
1997-98	23.89	14.60	19.00
1998-99	5.56	21.05	25.70
1999-2000	5.33	32.68	28.98

The imports of fertilizers in terms of NPK during the last four years is as follows:

QTY IN LMT

YEAR N P K NPK

1996-97	11.67	2.46	6.13	20.26
1997-98	13.62	6.72	11.40	31.45
1998-99	6.35	9.68	15.42	31.45
1999-2000	8.33	15.03	17.39	40.75